



Newsletter 22 2020-21

Wednesday 10th February 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

The staff of JIS wish all members of our school community a very happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Ox.

The JIS blossom tree, in the car park, came out in good time for the Chinese New Year this year, so let's all hope we are in for better days ahead.

If you are celebrating with family be safe and keep healthy. We look forward to seeing the students again in the week beginning 22nd February.



Re – Update for class resumption, starting after the Chinese New Year holidays

Now that we have approval for our revised plan of students attending school after the Chinese New Year holidays we have had to arrange the school schedule again to maximize the opportunities for students when they are at school. Our revised daily schedule is here and attached to the newsletter email as a PDF for easy printing for the family noticeboard or fridge door!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Week of cycle
			CNY holidays		
CNY holidays					
Feb 22nd Rec /P2, P4, P6	23rd P1, P3, P5	24th Rec,P2, P4, P6	25th P1, P3, P5	26th Rec, P2, P4, P6	1
March 1st Rec /P2, P4, P6	2nd P1, P3, P5	3rd Rec /P2, P4, P6	4th P1, P3, P5	5th P1, P3, P5 - (also P4 - arts day)	2

8th Rec /P2, P4, P6	9th P1, P3, P5	10th Rec /P2, P4, P6	11th P1, P3, P5	12th Rec /P2, P4, P6	1
15th Rec /P2, P4, P6	16th P1, P3, P5	17th Rec /P2, P4, P6	18th P1, P3, P5	19th P1, P3, P5	2
22nd Review with HK EDB guidelines or updates	23rd	24th	25th	26th	tbc
Easter holidays					

We have been asked a variety of questions related to the new schedule but please be assured that we are pushing hard, like many other schools in Hong Kong to get students back in as much as the HK EDB and Gov't will allow us.

The issues surrounding testing are still not clear and many questions remain to be answered. Alongside all the parameters of keeping the students and staff as safe and as productive as possible we hope we will be getting full answers in the weeks ahead.

Bus companies have been given all information as to the new schedule, so we look forward to welcoming as students on their allocated days starting from Monday 22nd February.

JIS Chinese New Year Appeal – February 2021 (and early March if needed)

The appeal has completed phase 1 with all donated food delivered yesterday so it can be used for Chinese New Year. Thank you again to all the families that donated items. Christine Lau and the school driver delivered items to 'Feeding Hong Kong' and 'Impact Hong Kong'.

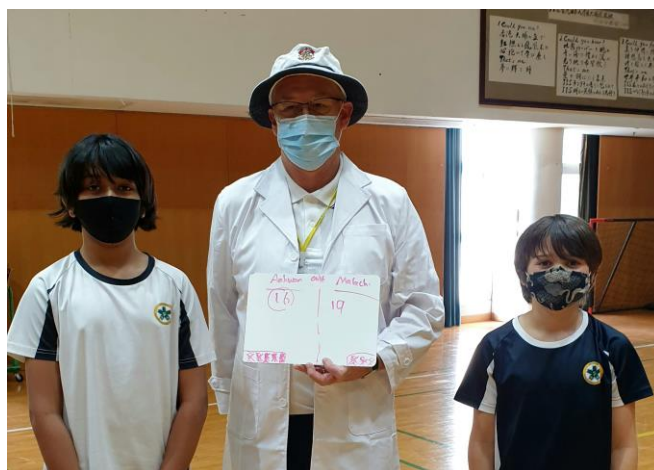
There a few requests to bring in items after the CNY holidays so we shall keep the appeal open until the end of February.



The amount of food donations this year was really very positive – thank you.

P6 Test match cricket in gym!

This week on Monday we were delighted to host a game of cricket arranged by Malachi and Aahwan (P6) in the school gym. Our cricket mad duo managed to get most of the P6 class to play for a bit of fun and relief from screens etc.



It is always great to experience a new sport and for many of the P6 students it was the first game of cricket they have had. Well done boys and thanks to the P6 teachers for supporting.

Friday Assembly and Challenge – Wednesday 10th February 2021

Last week we gave 3 main challenges which lots of students and families have got involved with. The kite making was one, the paper aeroplanes another and then the art work related to Hong Kong birds filled the set. We shared some of the great examples in school assembly but did not have opportunity to show them all. Well done to everyone who got involved.

As mentioned last week we have started a student art gallery in the Art Room – so if any children have work at home, please bring them in for display with the others already on the wall, or for models on display in the corridor.

This week in assembly we celebrated Chinese New Year by sharing some great videos and information this morning (Wednesday 10th), related to the festival and some traditions.

The assembly slides have been shared with all students and may well be worth revisiting as there some amazing videos of lion dance champions, Joshua's shadow puppet show and also how to create your own lion dance show!

Some students have responded already:



Julia P6



Jeremy P5

Link to presentation from assembly:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uPPHizokJ4UTcFdVxZFWArtyJmp7gyIisT25a7nCp1k/edit?usp=s_haring

(The link is connected to our school Google Suite so is best viewed through a JIS email address/logon.)

Parents: there are lots of options and ideas for some Chinese New Year activities should the children be stuck indoors due to weather or unable to connect more widely with family and friends due to the pandemic. Please send in photos or videos of activities undertaken.

Battle of the Books Team 2021

After some intense competition and some excellent efforts by a large group of our P5 and P6 students Mrs Wan was able to announce the members of the JIS Battle of the Books Team for this year. The students have to read a large number of books and remember them in great detail in order to answer questions on them in competition against other schools.

The team for this year will be:

- Anna, Haruna, Ambra, Tsuki, Rio, Rii, Julia, Kenza, Tamaki, Isambard, Sarah (p5), Lachlan

A really big thanks to everyone who tried out for the team – so great to know you want to get involved in reading activities!

JIS School Uniform Shop – open on Wednesdays – starting 24th February

The school uniform shop on the ground floor of school will open every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting after the Chinese New Year holidays. The first day for opening will be 24th February 2021

One to buy for the family perhaps:

The Hong Kong Wildlife Bingo game – good fun and something to learn for all the family. A great follow on from the work we have been doing at JIS for the last few weeks.

Have a safe and happy CNY everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal

